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GENERAL EDUARDO LEMA MOLINA, THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO NICARAGUA APPOINTED BY THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT, HAS BEEN REMOVED BY THE PRESENT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION INSPIRED BY THE FORMER AMBASSADOR THAT IN VIEW OF HIS CLOSE CONNECTIONS AS A GENERAL WITH THE MILITARY FIGURES PRESENTLY IN CHARGE THAT HE MIGHT BE RETAINED IN HIS AMBASSADORIAL POST. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, THE AMBASSADOR HAD PURCHASED A HOUSE IN NICARAGUA AND HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION OF GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA TO REMAIN HERE. BASED APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, ON ASSURANCES OF SOME OF HIS MILITARY COLLEAGUES, THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE HAVE DECIDED TO RETURN TO CHILE ALTHOUGH HE HAS INFORMED FRIENDS HERE THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY IMMEDIATE INFORMATION REGARDING A POSSIBLE FUTURE ASSIGNMENT. THE AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD STAUNCHLY DEFENDED ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TOOK THE POSITION THAT "IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE COMMUNISTS BE REMOVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE."

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